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Reasons for allowance are only warranted in instances in which "the record of the prosecution as a whole does not make clear [the Examiner's] reasons for allowing a claim or claims." 37 C.F.R. § 1.104(e). In the present case, Applicant believes the record as a whole does make clear the reasons for allowance and therefore no statement by the Examiner is necessary or warranted. Furthermore, Applicant does not necessarily agree with each statement in the reasons for allowance. While Applicant believes the claims are allowable, Applicant does not acquiesce that patentability resides solely in the specific feature or combination of features identified, or that each feature or combination of features identified is required for patentability, or that equivalents of any specifically recited feature is outside the scope of the allowed claims.

The Office Action concludes that Claims 1, 16, and 28 are allowable because the art of record does not disclose a lighted headware combining at

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least one black-light LED directing light through a black-responsive portion of a bill of a lighted headware.

Applicant respectfully submits that Claim 1 is allowable because the art as a whole, alone or in combination, does not anticipate or render obvious:

A lighted hat comprising a crown; a bill extending from the crown, the bill including a portion responsive to black light; and at least one light source positioned for directing light through a portion of the bill, the at least one light source including at least one black light LED for directing black light at the black light-responsive portion.

Applicant respectfully submits that Claim 16 is allowable because the art as a whole, alone or in combination, does not anticipate or render obvious:

A lighted hat comprising a crown; a bill extending from the crown, the bill including at least one light-transmissive portion, the at least one light-transmissive portion including a portion responsive to black light; and at least one light source positioned within the bill for directing light through the light-transmissive portion, the at least one light source including at least one black light LED for directing black light at the black light-responsive portion.

Applicant respectfully submits that Claim 28 is allowable because the art as a whole, alone or in combination, does not anticipate or render obvious:

A lighted hat, comprising a crown; a bill extending from the crown, the bill including at least one light transmissive portion defining one or more indicia, the at least one light-transmissive portion including a portion responsive to black light; and at least one light source for directing light through the light-transmissive portion to highlight the indicia, the at least one light source including at least one black light LED for directing black light at the black light-responsive portion.

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